

## Notes of the Stonehouse NP Working Group held on 30 April 2015 at 6.30pm

1. **Present:** Vicky, Clare, Alistair, Gary, Terry, Carol, John, Nick. Ellin (in part).
2. **Apologies:** Chris, Rob
3. Declarations of interest – none
4. Minutes of the last meeting were agreed. Actions from last meeting:
  - Following contact from Clare, Eastington have offered to meet with us. They are planning to submit their plan by the end of next week. It was agreed to go ahead and to arrange a more formal follow up meeting soon.
  - Carol prepared a presentation and gave it at the Annual Town Meeting on Monday. Approximately two thirds of the people there had heard about the NP and there was no time for questions at the end.
5. **Budget breakdown:** Need to clarify what we have left from the GRCC pot and what if anything we can roll forward.  
**Action:** Vicky to liaise with GRCC and Gill to clarify the budget position.  
Nick explained that rural housing advisors are now being asked to do full market and affordable housing needs assessments by social landlords.
6. **Project health check:** It is still hard to keep the momentum going in relation to progressing the different themes. For example, with the housing numbers desk research.  
**Housing:** Waiting for more accurate numbers. **Action:** Nick to speak to Ellin re GRCC progressing the housing number crunching.  
**Green spaces:** Chris did try meeting on Good Friday but this didn't work.  
**Transport:** No further action.  
**Economic development:** **Action:** Vicky to arrange a meeting with Pete Carr from the LEP.  
There has been no response to the call for sites in Stonehouse News.
7. **Report on grant application to Locality:** Vicky ran through the proposals that she and Alistair had developed as to how the grant should be spent and this was discussed in some detail with a focus on what Ellin joined the meeting briefly and was able to suggest different consultant and how much they might charge. She suggested that we should ask NPIERS to look at the plan before it goes out for the 6 week consultation and again before it is submitted to SDC. Lepus Consulting will do a screening test for £750 and have done it for Eastington to advise whether they need an SEA etc, rather than SDC doing it. They are also collating the responses on the 6 week consultation for Eastington – this takes 2 or 3 days at £250 a day. Nick recommended Stewart Todd in Taunton who has worked on several NPs and has good feedback. It was agreed to go ahead and commission a map from GWT re biological, biodiversity, etc. **Action:** Vicky and Chris to liaise to progress this.  
**Action:** Carol to get information and evidence about use of existing community facilities from Gill.
8. **AOB:** The letter from SDC was discussed and it was agreed not to respond to it however Nick felt that DCLG would be interested to see it.  
**Vicky** to ask prize draw winner for photo opportunity.  
**Alistair** to update project plan.

Agenda items for next meeting on 14 May 2015: Project plan and survey results.